

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)**

1 4. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 asphalt pavement.

1 5. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 wood.

1 6. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 fiberglass composite.

1 7. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 metal.

1 8. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 modular bricks.

1 9. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the substrate is  
2 particulate.

1 10. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the particulate is soil.

1 11. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the particulate is sand.

1 12. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the particulate is  
2 gravel.

1 13. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the particulate is a  
2 combination selected from the group of soil, sand and gravel.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a wear-resistant reinforcing coating on a  
2 substrate, the method comprising:

3 (a) applying a liquid matrix material to the substrate;

4 (b) disposing reinforcing fibers in the liquid matrix material;

5 (c) placing particulate in contact with the liquid matrix material on an opposite  
6 side of the fibers from the substrate;

7 (d) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of  
8 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of the hardened liquid matrix material with the  
9 wearing surface of particulate; and

10 ~~The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of (c) interposing a~~  
11 ~~membrane between the substrate and the liquid matrix material for preventing the liquid~~  
12 ~~matrix material from adhering substantially to the substrate, thereby leaving the~~  
13 ~~membrane and liquid matrix material unattached to the substrate.~~

1 15. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the membrane is plastic  
2 sheeting.

1 16. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the membrane is a  
2 release agent.

1 17. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the substrate is a solid  
2 substrate.

1 18. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 concrete.

1 19. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 asphalt pavement.

1 20. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 wood.

1 21. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 fiberglass composite.

1 22. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 metal.

1 23. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is  
2 modular bricks.

1 24. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the substrate is  
2 particulate.

1 25. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 24, wherein the particulate is  
2 soil.

1 26. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 24, wherein the particulate is  
2 sand.

1 27. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 24, wherein the particulate is  
2 gravel.

1 28. (Withdrawn) The method in accordance with claim 24, wherein the particulate is a  
2 combination selected from the group of soil, sand and gravel.

1 29. (Withdrawn) A wear-resistant reinforcing coating formed on a substrate, the coating  
2 comprising:

3 (a) a matrix adjacent the substrate;

4 (b) reinforcing fibers disposed in the matrix for reinforcing the matrix; and

5 (c) particulate adhered to the matrix on an opposite side of the fibers from the  
6 substrate.

1 30. (Withdrawn) The wear-resistant reinforcing coating in accordance with claim 29,  
2 wherein the substrate is a solid substrate.

1 31. (Withdrawn) The wear-resistant reinforcing coating in accordance with claim 29,  
2 wherein the substrate is particulate.

1 32. (Withdrawn) The wear-resistant reinforcing coating in accordance with claim 29,  
2 further comprising a membrane interposed between the substrate and the matrix, thereby  
3 preventing adhesion of the matrix to the substrate.

1 33. (Withdrawn) The wear-resistant reinforcing coating in accordance with claim 32,  
2 wherein the substrate is a solid substrate.

1 34. (Withdrawn) The wear-resistant reinforcing coating in accordance with claim 32,  
2 wherein the substrate is particulate.

1 35. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a wear-resistant reinforcing coating on a  
2 solid substrate, the method comprising:

3 (a) applying a liquid matrix material to the substrate;

4 (b) interposing a membrane between the substrate and the liquid matrix material  
5 for preventing the liquid matrix material from adhering substantially to the solid  
6 substrate, thereby leaving the membrane and liquid matrix material unattached to  
7 the substrate;

8 (c) disposing reinforcing fibers in the liquid matrix material;

9 (d) placing particulate in contact with the liquid matrix material on an opposite  
10 side of the fibers from the substrate; and

11 (e) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of  
12 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of the hardened liquid matrix material with the  
13 wearing surface of particulate.

1 36. (Withdrawn) A wear-resistant reinforcing coating formed on a solid substrate, the  
2 coating comprising:

3 (a) a matrix adjacent the substrate;

- 4 (b) a membrane interposed between the substrate and the matrix, thereby
- 5 preventing adhesion of the matrix to the substrate;
- 6 (c) reinforcing fibers disposed in the matrix for reinforcing the matrix; and
- 7 (d) particulate adhered to the matrix on an opposite side of the fibers from the
- 8 substrate.

1 37. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a reinforced floor having a substrate, the method  
2 comprising:

- 3 (a) applying a liquid matrix material to the substrate;
- 4 (b) disposing reinforcing fibers in the liquid matrix material;
- 5 (c) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of
- 6 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of hardened liquid matrix material, wherein an
- 7 exposed surface of the reinforcement is unsuitable for foot traffic; and
- 8 (d) mounting a layer of rigid flooring material to said substrate above said
- 9 composite of reinforcing fibers, said layer of flooring material having a wearing
- 10 surface that is suitable for traffic.

1 38. (Withdrawn) A reinforced floor having a planar substrate, the reinforced floor  
2 comprising:

- 3 (a) a hardened, planar matrix mounted to the substrate;
- 4 (b) reinforcing fibers disposed in the matrix;

5 (c) a planar layer of rigid flooring material mounted to the substrate above the  
6 reinforcing fibers, said layer of flooring material having a planar wearing surface  
7 that is suitable for traffic.

1 39. (Withdrawn) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can be lifted  
2 by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

- 3 (a) a planar matrix;  
4 (b) reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix for reinforcing the matrix;  
5 (c) particulate mounted to a major surface of the matrix.

1 40. (Withdrawn) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the particulate  
2 mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring unit.

1 41. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a modular flooring unit of a size and weight that  
2 can be lifted by a human, the method comprising:

- 3 (a) placing a liquid matrix material in a receptacle;  
4 (b) disposing reinforcing fibers in the liquid matrix material;  
5 (c) placing particulate in contact with the liquid matrix material on an opposite  
6 side of the fibers from the substrate; and  
7 (d) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of  
8 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of the hardened liquid matrix material with a traffic-  
9 bearing surface of particulate.



- 1 42. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a wear-resistant reinforcing coating on a  
2 substrate, the method comprising:
- 3 (a) aligning a composite with the substrate, the composite comprising a hardened  
4 matrix embedded with reinforcing fibers;
- 5 (b) applying an adhesive between the composite and the substrate;
- 6 (c) forcing the composite against the substrate with the adhesive in a layer  
7 interposed between the composite and the substrate;
- 8 (d) applying adhesive to the composite on a side of the composite opposite the  
9 substrate;
- 10 (e) placing particulate in contact with the adhesive, and
- 11 (f) hardening the adhesive, thereby forming a wearing surface of particulate.